RHIC & AGS UEC Meeting Minutes
February 11, 2005

Present: Christine Aidala, Sam Aronson, Mark Baker, Kelly Guiffreda,
Brant Johnson, Derek Lowenstein, Tom Ludlam, Angela Melocoton,
Michael Murray, Mike Sivertz, Peter Steinberg, Susan White-DePace

Michael Murray: budget most interesting; things to discuss
Brant Johnson: too late
Sam Aronson: not too late to discuss about budget issues .
Gary Westfall: Topic of conversation now. Will the APS have a computer
system set up to e-mail Congressman?

Yes.

Open Forum meeting. Should do it again. It is useful. Users meeting things to
be Open Forum. More people call in. Good idea. Need someone from BNL.
   1. To talk about budget
   2. Open Forum
   3. Usual business

Need to support BNL travel to visit various members of Congress. Spoke with
Praveen about this. Need to set up a meeting to further discuss this.

Annual Meeting Update
•Brant Johnson

Still seeking theme. Einstein world of physics
Beer
Money for travel – Brant and Sam submit request, but have not spoke to new
director. Tom Kirk in the past has supported not in a large way, but we have
support in the past. Susan needs to speak with Sam about budget.

Workshops Plans
•Peter Steinberg
Spoke about deadlines for workshops. Friday next week – keep existing
deadline. Avoid redundancy.

Scientific Ethics at BNL
•Michael Murray

APS.org – Michael Murray
Spoke about authorship dispute.

APS has a guide. Look over as a community. Have the BNL RHIC & AGS community to adopt. If UEC adopts – not powerful enough to have all collaborations. Looking for BNL to adopt. Inquiry made to see if someone checked with Mary White over in publications regarding authorship guidelines.

Mike Sivertz – thinks he saw a policy.

Angela given the task to research.
Proposal:
1. UEC to adopt APS guidelines

Gary: not sure that it can be adopted.

Brant: how does the adoption of APS guidelines on a non-APS publication.
Sam: the issue is to set up ethics.
Susan: Put on UEC. Guide rail to help people.
George: Strong recommendation gets information out. Encourage group working at your facility to use this information within their internal mechanism.
Brant: Not formally adopting. Use it as a guideline.
Gary: Who should do this?
George: Trying to get someone to ask me what to do?
Gary: Set up something like what you said and sent to me.

Nominating Committee
•Vicki Greene

Bylaws – Vicki Greene to set to Susan.

1. Discussing to find people who think would be good candidate.
2. Have the time and agree to do it.
3. Would be active.

Complaint to Vicki want to have someone higher on the ladder.

Many people said they were too busy.
Sending out an e-mail to the user community.
Self-nomination. That is how you know someone really wants to do it.
Susan will draft the mailing.

New business:
Sub-committees:
George: who is on them?
Gary: Will send him list. List on web is out of date.
Brant: Someone updated them. Since there is only a few months left.
Christine: took minutes to show who is on which committee.

Michael Murray: Budget

Gary: serious issue. Will try to communicate on what needs to be done.
Vicki: Tom was going to say something about the budget.
Tom Ludlam: Visit to Washington.
Brant meeting this afternoon with Praveen.
Tom will take marching orders from him.

Brant asked to serve on Gate Access Committee to give user input on how it established procedures. Make complaints to Brant to pass on.